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SUBJECT: FRG DEFENSE MINISTRY VIEWS ON BURDENSARING AND
OFFSET

REFS: A. BONN 13499; B. AC/291-WP(73)1

1. BONN SENSITIVITY TO MANNER OF DESCRIBING THEIR CON-
TRIBUTION TO OFFSET/BURDENSARING SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO
ACCOUNT THROUGHOUT BURDENSARING STUDY. BONN QTE DISMAY
UNQTE REPORTED REF A JUSTIFIES PALLIATIVE RESPONSE BY USG.

2. FOR USNATO: THE OFFENSIVE STATEMENT ON PAGE 6 OF REF B
SHOULD BE REVISED TO GIVE FULL CREDIT TO US-FRG OFFSET
AGREEMENT WHICH COVERED ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF US MILITARY
EXPENDITURES IN THE FRG.

3. FOR BONN: YOU SHOULD INFORM WIECK OF THIS ACTION AND
EXPRESS REGRET AT THE POOR WORDING OF THE STATEMENT. POINT
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OUT THAT WE DID NOT INTEND TO DISPARAGE THE FRG CONTRIBU-

TION AND THAT IN FUTURE REFERENCES TO BOP IMPACT OF US
MILITARY EXPENDITURES IN GERMANY WE WILL GIVE FULL CREDIT
TO THE OFFSET AGREEMENT.

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